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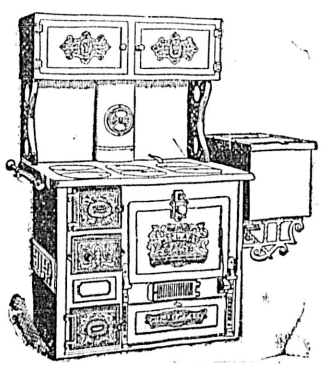

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DESTITUTION IN BUFFALO.

Almost Five Hundred More Families Being Cared for Than at This Time Last Year.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 18.—More than 200 destitute Poles thronged about the entrance of the office of the overseer of the poor yesterday. The recent cold snap has driven many of them to seek aid of the city. The daily applicant list for the month of December is steadily growing; overseer Arnold and the department is caring for 447 more families than at same time last year.

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OR THE FRASER RIVER.

Points in the Address Presented to the Minister of Justice.

Development and Protection of the Salmon Industry—Channel Improvements.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 18.—The address presented to the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on the occasion of his recent visit to New Westminster, contained among others the following representations:

"One of the greatest sources of wealth in this district is the salmon fishery. The regulations which govern salmon fishing on the Fraser river have occupied a large share of the board's attention for many years. These regulations have often been most unsatisfactory, but they have lately been considerably modified and much improved. The regulations governing sturgeon fishing have never been satisfactory, and have always been such as to prevent the taking of sturgeon in large quantities. The sturgeon of the Fraser river are of a superior quality, and ought to be a source of considerable wealth to the country, but the restrictions imposed by the department have prevented the development of this industry.

"The board does not propose to enter into particulars respecting the objectionable features of the fishery regulations. It has already repeatedly recommended the appointment of local fishery commissioners, for the purpose of obtaining reliable information and making intelligent suggestions respecting these matters, and it now re-affirms its belief that such a course ought to be adopted. Experience has shown clearly that there are local conditions peculiar to our fisheries, and that a knowledge of these can be gained only by continuous critical observation on the ground. If competent men were appointed to gather information from every available source, and have it sifted by thorough local discussion and investigation, your department would be relieved from the confusion of any conflicting recommendations, and the way would be opened up for a better understanding of the measures required for the protection and development of the fisheries of this country.

The board desires to call your attention to the importance of having the channel of the North Arm of the Fraser river more efficiently marked out. The channel is very much used by vessels of light draught and by tugs towing scows and booms. There were at least eleven steamers plying there last summer. The channel has been marked hitherto by piles driven in the river. When these remain in place, they are a serious obstruction to navigation, especially to rafts, and are very destructive to salmon nets during the fishing season. They frequently work out of the ground and disappear, leaving the channel unmarked, and the cost of replacing a single pile is considerable. The board is advised by those whose opinion should be regarded in such matters, that this channel should be marked by spar buoys, so arranged that nets and rafts could pass over them without injury to either. Canoe Pass, another branch of the Fraser, is much used by small vessels, and ought to be marked by proper buoys.

"The board also recommends that a second light be placed at the entrance of the main channel of the Fraser river. The present lighthouse is about two miles from the ship channel, and it is of very little assistance to vessels attempting to enter the river at night. If a colored light were placed at or near Garry Bush, pilots would be able to take correct bearings by the two lights, and such a light would also be of great service to the fishermen who in large numbers, fish on the sand-heads during the night. With only one light, as at present situated, vessels are unable to enter the river at all after nightfall. The board recommends also that some lights be provided for the coast north of Burrard inlet. There are at present no lights north of Point Atkinson, while the traffic of that region is rapidly increasing on account of the fishing, lumbering and mining developments.

"The board would be exceedingly glad if you could find it convenient to visit Fraser river during the summer season, when salmon fishing and canning are in full blast. You would then be better able to realise, by personal observation, the magnitude and importance of the fishing industry."

"It has been announced that the Board of International Commissioners has agreed upon a report to the governments of Canada and the United States. Without presuming to anticipate this report, this Board begs to express the hope that your government will see that the interests of the fishing industry on the Fraser river are fully protected in any agreement that may be arrived at, so that our fishermen may be placed on a footing as favorable, at least, as those who pursue the same industry on the American side, and that mutual regulations may be adopted for the protection of our salmon supply.

"The board is glad to learn that additional hatcheries are to be erected in the province. By the aid of these and a more systematic and thorough effort to gain information respecting the primary or natural conditions attending the recuperative power of our salmon fisheries there is reason to look for increased and permanent prosperity for this important industry.

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WEYLER'S POSITION.

The Captain-General Likely to Be Recalled—Spain Would Welcome a Settlement.

Fight With Maceo's Forces, Headed by the General Himself.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—If nothing decisive occurs in Cuba by the middle of January Premier Canovas most likely will recall Weyler and appoint in his place either Gen. Marin or Senor de Azcarraga, the minister of war, and then change his policy in Cuba with a view of coming to an understanding with the United States government before the close of Cleveland's term of office.

The queen regent would welcome an honorable solution of the problem compatible with Spain's rights in Cuba in order to avert a conflict or even a misunderstanding with the United States. Therefore, Premier Canovas may be spurred up to changing his policy, especially as he knows the Liberal party is willing to take office for that purpose if the queen bids it to do so.

It is an open secret in political, military and diplomatic circles here that anyhow Gen. Weyler will only be allowed to remain in Cuba if he promptly and signally crushes the insurrection in Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces and puts a stop to the abuses, corruption and extravagant waste in the commissariat and army contracts to which the government has called his attention sharply. He has been warned also that he must satisfy those planters who ask to be permitted to resume work on sugar and tobacco plantations, and to avoid giving grounds by his severity for such claims for damages, as not only America, but England, France and Germany are pressing. Gen. Weyler seems to be aware that he is losing favor in Spain, with the public, with the government, and even more so at court. He is trying to create an impression that the Spanish parties in Cuba are not so dissatisfied with his military and political conduct as are the press and people at home.

Premier Canovas feels bound to persevere in his war and repression policy, without making any except official and unofficial overtures to the United States government so long as General Weyler and the Spanish parties in Cuba hold out a hope of early results from the effects of Maceo's death upon the insurgents. But the patience of the rest of the government and the nation is well nigh exhausted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Post tomorrow will say: The secretary of state has cautioned the members of the committee on foreign relations to go very slowly in regard to the Cuban question. The secretary of state urgently recommends that all action be postponed in congress until the end of the present campaign, when, if the Spaniards are not successful, he believes, as recommended in the President's message, that some form of intervention will be applied by the United States.

KEY WEST, Dec. 18.—Passengers from Cuba last night report that Gen. Pratt wired Gen. Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had an engagement with Antonio Maceo's forces, led by Maceo himself, and upon the receipt of the telegram the festivities in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo were ordered stopped. The passengers further stated that a newspaper reporter who went to Punta Brava had an interview with the insurgent chief, Baldemero Acosta, who told him Maceo was at the head of his army and moving towards Oriente. He stated that he had accompanied Maceo to Matanzas, where he left him. Maceo was suffering from slight wounds.

U. S. PRISONERS IN CUBA.

They Have They Say Little to Complain of.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The World today has a dispatch from Havana from its correspondent saying he had secured permission from Captain General Weyley to visit the Competitor prisoners in the Cabanas fortress. Each one of the six men being asked questions replied freely, all agreeing in their opinions. Melton said: "Aside from the fact that confinement is very irksome, and the progress of the legal case against us slow, I do not know that we have any especial grievance. We are treated as well and in some respects better than the Spanish prisoners. The officers in charge act towards us like gentlemen. They are kind, and I am sure are well disposed towards us. The soldiers on guard are good natured and not offensive. There are more prisoners to a cell than is agreeable, but we get along peacefully in our common misfortune. The food is not what I like; the cooking is different from what I am accustomed to and I suffer from stomach trouble and dyspepsia. We get the same food as the other prisoners. I prefer the food we used to get, which was the regular army rations of the Spanish service. That was good enough. The present food comes from the prison at Havana and is not so good."

WARSHIPS ON THE LAKES.

Proposal to Abrogate Treaty of 1817.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Burton, of Ohio, yesterday introduced a joint resolution directing the President to conduct negotiations with Great Britain to secure, if possible, the abrogation of so much of the treaty of 1817 as forbids the building of warships on the Great Lakes.

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THROUGHOUT THE LAND

Britain's Earthquake Shock Felt Everywhere—Windsor Castle Rudely Shaken.

Scientists Make No Explanations—Hamburg Strikers Prohibited From Patrolling the Port.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Yesterday's earthquake shock seems to have been felt in greater or less degree throughout the length and breadth of this island, throwing from his feet the laborer toiling in the highway and penetrating in its effect to the abode of royalty itself. The shock was felt distinctly at Windsor Castle, and some of the royal household were shaken in their beds. Furniture, china and ornaments were rattled in several rooms on the north side of the castle, and one official of the castle says that the tower literally rocked. This sensation was at first supposed to be due to a powder mill explosion. The earthquake was also felt throughout Wales, though no actual damage resulted there. At Ruthin and the districts of the Vale of Clywd it is stated that there were six shocks lasting together fifteen seconds. The driver of a mail train observed thunder and lightning accompanying the shock. The tremors were distinctly noticed on the upper floor of Ruthin Castle.

Telegrams and letters from all parts of the districts affected are published in the morning papers this morning, but they add little to the previous information as to the effects of the earthquake. The interviews with scientists on the subject, of which there are many, also throw little further light on the phenomenon. There are no seismic recording instruments at Greenwich or in places where they were available yesterday. Such instruments are kept in the Catholic observatory at Stonyhurst, Lancashire, but no movement was recorded there.

There is good authority for stating that the French embassy at London, which will shortly be relinquished by Baron de Courcel, has been offered to M. Ribot, ex-president of the council and formerly minister of foreign affairs. M. Ribot has not decided yet as to his acceptance.

The Hamburg police have prohibited the strikers from patrolling the port. Men who had been on strike but are now offering to go back to work are being rejected, the employers having decided not to take any of them back until the strike is ended.

The suit brought by Miss Helen Grant, of Dundee, against Mr. James A. White, of the firm of J. F. White & Co., of New York, was called in the Edinburgh court sessions to-day and postponed until next session.

ALIEN LABOR LAW.

Canadian Trained Nurses Ineligible to Work in the United States—Must Be Deported.

BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Immigration Inspector de Barry received from Washington last night a new ruling by the Secretary of the Treasury on the alien labor law. This ruling is on the question raised by the city two years ago whether Canadian trained nurses who come to this country to work in hospitals would do so in violation of the law. When the question was raised before it was held that they could not be interfered with as they were semi-professional persons. Now the secretary of the treasury, according to the notice received by Mr. Barry last night, has ruled that these nurses can be deported. As soon as Mr. Barry received the notice of the new ruling he started out to get a list of the Canadian nurses in the hospitals. To-day he will visit other hospitals to get the names of Canadian nurses employed in them. Mr. Barry said last night that all these nurses will be deported. Inspector Estalla, of Ogdensburg, is now at Danville, N.Y., where he went to deport five Canadian nurses employed in the sanitarium there.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Board a Train in Missouri and Secure Watches and Other Booty.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 18.—While the Missouri, Kansas & Texas flyer was approaching Sedalia at an early hour yesterday morning, three men who had boarded the train up the road commenced to rob the passengers of the chair car, relieving them of watches, jewelry and money. A wild scene followed, some of the awakened passengers making a show of fight and the women screaming with fright. C. A. Hopewood, of Finnegan, Ills., who lost his watch, grabbed the timepiece from one of the robbers and a scuffle ensued. The other passengers came to Hopewood's assistance and the thieves fought their way to the platform and jumped off the train just as it was entering the city. They escaped after securing three gold watches and a small amount of money. Not a shot was fired by the robbers or passengers and the thing was over inside of five minutes.

Another Dismissal.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Mr. J. B. Laberge, assistant postmaster at Quebec, has been dismissed by Hon. Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, as the result of an investigation. He was held responsible for pushing through the post Tory campaign literature at the last election and holding back "L'Electeur" and other Liberal publications. Mr. J. B. Coanitte, of the postoffice inspector's office, has been appointed in his place.

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THE PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

A Political Organization Recently Formed in the City of New York.

The Stars and Stripes Inspire Neither Respect Nor Fear Abroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Patriotic League of America, which has just been organized in this city, has issued the following address to the people of the United States:

"The closing years of the nineteenth century are being marked by many hopeful indications of a revival of genuine American feeling. The organization activity of the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of Colonial Wars, and similar societies have given most worthy and efficient service in admonishing the dominating tendency of the commercial spirit and rekindling the sentiment of patriotism, not only among the people of this republic, but of the entire American continent.

"But the membership of these organizations being restricted to people of particular classes, must of necessity be limited. The exigencies of the present demand the strenuous and unselfish exertions of a society as broad as the continent, and with its doors wide open to all patriotic Americans without respect to race, nationality or religion. A brief reference to recent events and present conditions give emphatic indorsement to this demand.

"Of recent events mention need not be made of the incident of the New Orleans massacre, with the tax on American diplomacy to avoid a conflict with Italy; the outrages committed by England on Nicaragua, in the Corinto affair, which aroused the indignatian and called forth the protests of the American people; and the war clouds which less than a year ago rose so threateningly over the Venezuelan question and were cleared away only by the persistent maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

"The dictates of humanity, and our vast interests in Cuba, demand that this government shall extend to that oppressed and ill-governed island the protection of the eagle and the shield, and command that this inhuman war of butchery, spoliation and destruction shall stop, and Cuba be left free to cultivate the arts of peace and develop her resources, under a government of her own choice and creation.

"Of present conditions the Cuban question is daily assuming more threatening aspects. The cause of her patriotic citizens, struggling through carnage and conflagration in the unalterable determination to break their yoke of bondage or perish to the last man battling heroically to earn for themselves and their prosterity the liberty our example taught them to covet, appeals most powerfully and emphatically to the American sense of justice and fair play, and cannot much longer appeal in vain.

"The attitude of the British government furnishes another of the present conditions which Americans cannot contemplate with indifference. She has established six powerful naval stations in threatening proximity to our Eastern coast. She has built others at Vancouver, Quebec, St. Johns, Kingston, and the Niagara river. These fortifications could not have been designed for defense against any European power. They are a standing menace to this republic, and no agreement for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration should ever be ratified except on the condition that all her maritime fortifications south of Halifax and those along the southern border of Canada shall first be dismantled and destroyed.

"Another condition that appeals with irresistible force to American patriotism is the fact that American citizens in foreign lands have been compelled to suffer the humiliation of appealing to British and other alien consuls for protection against threatened violence, as their own legation was either too weak or too cowardly to protect them. During the massacre at Van, our countrymen were compelled to seek the protection of the British consul, who, to assure their safety, hoisted the Union Jack above the American mission, the Stars and Stripes inspiring neither respect nor fear. Only the unceasing exertions of Sir Phillip Currie, the British ambassador at Constantinople, says the Westminster Gazette, have enabled the American missionaries in the Ottoman empire to pursue their labors of mercy unmolested.

"The well known policy of this government to keep at peace with all the world as long as peace can be preserved without loss of honor, will be the policy of the league, but it will insist that means of securing peace is to be found in the most ample provisions for the defence of our coasts, both by sea and land, in a liberal policy toward the army and navy, in such an adjustment of tariff as will furnish ample revenue to meet all the expenses of the government and encourage domestic industry by protecting our markets against ruinous competition from abroad. While the policy of the league will be pacific and conservative, its influence will be exerted to complete the Nicaraguan canal with American capital, and retain it under American control; to extend the boundaries of the republic to embrace adjacent territory, the Hawaiian islands, and the islands proximate to our coast, whenever the people of those countries shall voluntarily seek incorporation with the Union; to restore our merchant marine to more than its ancient prestige, and to make the flag of the republic respected in every quarter of the globe."

BIMETALLISM.

The Silver Men Determined to Keep the Free Coinage Question Before the Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the American Bimetallic Union has reached a determination to enter at once and with vigor upon the work of thoroughly educating the people of the country upon the merits of the silver question, extending the organization of clubs to every section of the country. Its work will be conducted through the agency not only of literature, but through the medium of public lectures and meetings. The committee has revised the constitution of the Bimetallic Union and enlarged its scope. The object of the organization, as stated in the revised edition of the constitution, is as followe:

"To re-establish in the United States the bi-metallic system of money, as it existed from the foundation of our government down to 1873, instead of the present unjust standard of gold alone, and to preserve the regulation and control of all currency in the hands of the general government, in order by these means to stop the continual rise in the value of money and falling in prices of property, with the consequent loss of employment and decline in the earnings to labor, and to relieve the unjust and unnatural advantage to the people of the silver-using countries in competition with our farmers and manufacturers; conditions that must forever attend our present system and necessarily prevent the return of prosperity to our people."

Any person who agrees with these objects may become a member of the union on payment of $1. Provision is made for the establishment of local unions throughout the country. Headquarters will remain in Washington, with branches in Chicago and San Francisco.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Pupils of the High School Complete the Christmas Term and May Now Enjoy the Holidays.

The end of the Christmas term came yesterday to the pupils of the Victoria Collegiate Institute, when after oral examinations in the class rooms in the early morning, the entire school assembled in the gymnasium, with parents and friends as their guests; and the advent of the holidays was marked with appropriate announcements as to term results, addresses by prominent visitors and vocal music. A summary of results of the term, the order of merit in each of the four divisions being shown, is appended:

Victoria Collegiate Institute.

FIRST DIVISION.

First Sixteen Pupils in Order of Merit—Nellie Evelyn Marchant, Hjalmar Jacobson, Dorothy Allison, Alexander Dow, Blanche Couves, Maud Bone, Louis Duval, Rosemary Reid, Roberta Nason, Humbert McConnell, Ina McFadden, Robert Branke Powell, Arthur Netherby, Frederick Herd, Annie Cathcart and Reginald Hayward. Miss Christina Anderson and Masters Cecil Berkeley and William Redfern, from sickness, and Miss Alice Doran, from domestic affliction, were unable to complete the examination.

SECOND DIVISION.

First Ten Pupils in Order of Merit—Alexander Thompson, Nils Ohlson, Fanny Whyte, William Peddie, Mary Holmes, Sarah Mills, Evis E. Nicholson, Margaret Johnson, A. S. Burgess, and Flossie Creedon.

THIRD DIVISION.

First eighteen pupils, in order of merit—Ernest Cleaver, Sarah Breidfjord, Noel Barker, John H. McKay, Blake Nason, Hugh Wilmot and Elizabeth Lovell, Hattie McKay, Arthur Patton, Margaret Lowe, Elsie Shrapnel, Millie Newby, Edwin Siddall, Hattie Williams, Alice Nicholson, Kate Lettice, Irene Ure and Fanny Devereux.

FOURTH DIVISION.

First thirty of fifty-five pupils, in order of merit—Charles Coates, Gordon Grant, Lancelot Clark, Catherine Chapman, Harry Gartley, John Cumber, Mary A. Crocker, Kenneth T. Hughes, John Leeming, Louis A. Bord, Clementina D. King, Winnie Ewart, Irene G. Pickard, Laura J. Veitch, Eleanor C. Loat, Alleda M. Horner, Alexander A. McRae, Sydney F. Bone, Olive E. Souden, Thomas Crocker, Viva J. Babington, Maud Munsie, Winnie B. Hopper, Emily J. Taylor, Bertha A. Muirhead, Mabel J. Sabiston, Ernest H. Hall, Roy B. Dier, Violet Hardie and Arabella Hood.

The entire school makes an especially creditable showing in mathematics, Miss Marchant taking 97 1-6 per cent. of full marks on the paper set for the first division: A. S. Burgess, in the second division, having 89 3-7 per cent.: Miss Breidfjord, in the third division, 90 2-9 per cent.; and Lancelot Clark, in the fourth division, 96 2-9 per cent. The teachers and the subjects taught are: E. B. Paul, M.A., principal, classics and higher mathematics; A. J. Pineo, B.A., science and history; E. H. Russell, B.A., mathematics; and J. N. Muir, B.A., French, English and commercial branches.

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THE MAYORALTY

1897.

To the Electors of Victoria:

As many of you are kind enough to desire me to become a candidate for re-election next January to the office of Mayor, I place myself in your hands, respectfully asking your influence and vote. I shall take an opportunity before the election takes place to speak upon civic affairs, feeling convinced that with your assistance beneficial changes can be attained.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

Victoria, 16th November, 1896. nol7-4t

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

nol5 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Electors of South Ward.

I beg to announce myself a candidate for your representation at the coming Election for the Board of Aldermen.

I am in favor of the discontinuance of salaries to aldermen, believing the position to be one of honor and trust in the public welfare, and not of personal profit.

Also that the duties of Aldermen should be purely legislative and not executive.

I am in favor of a policy of conciliation as opposed to litigation with our fellow citizens, and of the settlement of all disputes by arbitration.

I am further in favor of keeping all means of intercommunication under the control of the people, as opposed to private monopolies, and promoting their development, and maintaining the public streets in a first-class, clean, sanitary and attractive condition.

I would suggest that the Municipal Accounts be audited quarterly by some competent accountant, elected annually as an independent officer, and that steps be taken, if possible, toward the consolidation of the city's debt.

THOS. C. SORBY,

December, 1896. [de6] James Bay.

PANAMA CANAL.

The Old Scandal Revived by Proceedings in French Courts.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Action has been commenced by the treasury against M. Baihaut, Charles de Lesseps and Blondin for the unpaid fine inflicted upon M. Baihaut by the assize court, in March, 1888, in connection with the Panama canal failure. The sum which M. de Lesseps is held jointly responsible for amounts to 891,586 francs. It is claimed by M. de Lesseps that Baihaut has already paid 579,000 francs. M. de Lesseps said in his own behalf: "I have explained without reticence my pecuniary position to the treasury, placing at its disposal what I could make up, but I was not in a position to produce the sum of 891,000 francs, which I am very far from possessing.

"The treasury rejected the offer made on my behalf, and wants to inflict imprisonment on me for default, that is to say, imprisonment for twelve months. I do not understand this persecution, that I should be imprisoned for the debt of others; a debtor who is simply reputed jointly responsible, who evades not the responsibility, but who, not screening himself behind legal arguments, which are nevertheless very strong, says: 'Take all I have.' In these circumstances, my lawyer pointed out to me that the judgment of the assize court does not sentence me to pay any fine and does not pronounce on me any joint responsibility for the payment of the fine inflicted on M. Baihaut, whose debts are wrongfully claimed from me."

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By order.
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Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

More Robberies at Vancouver—Westminster Wants Mr. Davies to See "Salmon Run."

Prompt Work of Firemen—Young Men Develop Their Muscle—Mining News.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Thanks to the prompt response of the whole fire brigade to the alarm turned in from the B. C. Cooperage yesterday afternoon, four streams of water being played on the dry kiln within a very short time after the discovery of the fire, the destroying element was subdued before much damage was done. Had the flames extended to the mill itself, the damage would have been infinitely greater. What damage was done cannot yet be estimated, but it is well covered by the $3,500 insurance carried on the dry kiln. Much credit is due the fire brigade for their prompt action, and they in return express their thanks to Mrs. Broderick, of Spice's mill, for very welcome refreshment provided them during and after their labors.

Two masked men held up Captain Morrison, of the False Creek coal yards, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Mr. Morrison had been collecting an account down Yale Town and was proceeding along Hamilton street, when he was held up and lost the $6.50 he had just collected. The footpads will probably be disappointed when they learn Mr. Morrison had a much larger sum of money upon his person, which they overlooked. The two men can be identified by their victim, and it is hoped they will now soon be run to earth.

A gymnasium school and athletic club was opened yesterday on Cordova street, a boxing and athletic entertainment being given as an opening ceremony.

Mrs. S. R. Robinson, of Dunsmuir street, died yesterday morning. The deceased lady has been a resident of the city for the past two years, having removed here from New Westminster.

The newly appointed accountant of the city branch of the Bank of British Columbia, Mr. H. G. Playfair, arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, where he was previously stationed.

Ald. Shaw, chairman of the board of works, has made arrangements to provide employment for all men at present out of work in his ward, and for the benefit of the men employed, it has been decided to pay all wages due in this department on Christmas eve.

Professor Hill-Tout, of Buckland college, has been appointed representative of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in this province, and also elected a member of the committee to whom an ethnological survey of Canada is to be entrusted. Mr. Hill-Tout has contributed many interesting and valuable papers to the meetings of the association, and the appointment now conferred upon him is looked upon as a well deserved honor.

In the billiard tournament at the Hotel Vancouver to-night, one of the most interesting games of the series will be played. A. W. H. Curtis' 200 being pitted against J. D. Scott, the winner of the last tournament, who is to make 280. As the tournament approaches the final stages much interest is being evinced in the games, the billiard room being crowded with spectators every evening play is going on.

George Neelands, of the Athabasca Mine Co., has paid a visit to the company's mine in Nelson district. He reports that the new 130 feet tunnel is in over 30 feet and has ore all the way. The ledge varies from 18 to 24 inches in width. While at the property Mr. Neelands made two careful samples of the ledge for the purpose of determining its value. The first of these gave an assay value of $94.66 in gold, the second $172.80. The ore carried considerable silver, the value of which was not computed. The Athabasca company are pleased with the report, as well as the very large number of holders of stock in Westminster.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 18.—The final performance of the comic opera, the "Little Duke," in Herring's opera house last night, passed off very successfully. The chorus and the principals received due recognition, encores being the order of the evening. This production of the operatic society is regarded as being the best effort yet put forth.

The steamer Princess Louise got aground at Ladner's on her inward trip and the steamer Transfer had to be sent down to unload passengers and mail. The Princess Louise floated off at high tide undamaged and came up river, returning to Victoria later in the day.

Considerable freight is being received from Chilliwack every trip of the Transfer. The market to-day will be well supplied and good business is expected in view of the approach of Christmas.

In the address to the Board of Trade to Hon. Mr. Davies a cordial invitation was extended to him to visit the Fraser during the fishing season, when he would be better able by personal observation to appreciate the magnitude of the salmon catching industry.

Confirmation was held last night in St. Barnabas church, when several candidates presented themselves, all of them ladies.

The High school closes to-day for the holidays. The final exercises taking place between 10 and 12 o'clock this morning.

UNION.

[From the Union Weekly News.]

Mr. McQuillan of Courtenay shot two panthers last week.

The county court and court of assessment and appeal will be held at the new court house, Comox, January 6.

A warship is expected to arrive at Comox bay in a few days.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snowden returned from their honeymoon trip by the Joan on Wednesday evening. On arriving at the house of Mr. Isaac Snowden, father of the groom, they were pleasurably surprised to find about forty guests present to welcome them at an extensive wedding dejeuner, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden. Following the dinner, the evening, until early in the morning, was spent in the usual jolly way, numerous congratulations being showered upon the happy couple.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rosslander.)

Work on the Gopher will be vigorously pressed.

A new ore chute on the Le Roi, near the Red Mountain railway, is in course of construction.

A compressor plant will be erected on the R. E. Lee, the foundation for which is being prepared.

The Cliff compressor was closed down for a few days last week in consequence of a breakage in the pipes, attributed to the frost.

A. W. Wright, after successfully floating the Heather Bell Co. in Toronto, has returned to Rossland.

The Cromwell Mining and Development Company has been organized, with a capital stock of $1,200,000, with $500,000 in the treasury. The company has been organized to acquire and develope mines in the Rossland district and on the North Fork of the Salmon river.

So successful has been the sale of Alf stock in the East that the directors have raised the price from 10 cents to 12½ cents. The results of recent development at the mine fully justify the advance. The Smith-Hewitt Company have but 4,000 shares left for sale locally.

Some fine samples of ore were brought up yesterday from the Waneta & Trail Creek Co.'s property, near Waneta. A cross-cut tunnel is being run to cut the vein, and on Saturday this had cut five feet of mineralized rock, almost solid ore, running high in copper, with the green stain of which it is almost covered. It is the intention of the company to sink on this.

Attention is again directed to the neighborhood of Rockford, many of the old mineral claims have been relocated and others staked out. Among the recent discoveries are two distinct ledges, each about twelve feet in with and showing galena freely. Rockford is on the road between Kamloops and Spence's Bridge, about thirty miles to the south of the former place.

The shaft on Eureka No 1, one of the claims of the Old Flag Gold Mining Company, operating at Waneta, is down 35 feet, and the ore is maintaining its character with depth, apparently running as high in copper as at the surface, while considerable quartz is coming in. No assays have been made recently, nor will be until the 50 foot level is reached, when the vein will be crosscut. J. A. Campbell has the contract. H. B. Smith, C.E., has surveyed the Eureka No. 1, and application has been made for a crown grant.

A letter has been received by J. D. Sibbald, president of the Revelstoke Board of Trade, from Gen. Supt. Abbott, stating that on his trip east, in January, he would bring the matter of better freight handling facilities and warehousing at Revelstoke before the annual meeting at Montreal, and try to get an appropriation for that purpose.

Work was resumed on Monday on the Golden Drip by the company which lately acquired the property. Day and night shifts will be working. Already about $7,000 worth of work has been done, consisting of 400 feet of tunnels, drifts and uprises, exposing three ore bodies, from which average assays went from $16 to $176 in gold, which shows the mine to be a very promising one. The company has been stocked for $500,000, in $1 shares, fully paid and non-assessable. The first block of 25,000 shares of treasury stock is on the market, offered by A. Torrelle & Co., Stussi building, at 12½ cents.

The Sunset, just above the Columbia & Western railway spur, opposite Rossland, will be an early shipper. The Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, limited, is exploring the Sunset, two shifts being worked in the shaft, which is now down over 40 feet. Continually in three to five feet of ore. The daily samples taken from the last 25 feet in the Sunset shaft have assayed from $12 to better than $50 in gold per ton. The Sunset is shortly to be equipped with first-class machinery. Meanwhile development will be pushed by hand and ore shipments will soon begin.

Grip Here Again.

Dread Baccilli which came from Russia in 1889 still at work.

If You Have a Stubborn Cough and Sore Throat, You Are a Victim.

Epidemic Checked by "77."

Grip is here again but it is here in a much milder form than it was in 1889 and 1890, when it counted its dead by the thousands on both sides of the Atlantic.

The malady has been prevalent for perhaps a month, but it is only within the last few days that it has been recognized as our dread visitor from Russia, who came in December, 1889. At first the doctors passed the cases off as colds, but they have found them so stubborn and unyielding to treatment that they now are taking the more serious view.

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The symptoms as described by physicians in all parts of the city are first a slight fever with chills, followed by a catarrhal condition of the head, descending to the throat and even to the larynx and bronchial tubes. In most cases there is a most distressing and stubborn cough. The severer cases run for weeks unless checked by the use of Dr. Humphreys' Specific "77."

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Butte	.07	Josie Mac	.10
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Cariboo Camp McKinney	.46	Mayflower	.15
Chaune	.26	Morning Star	.13
Celtic Queen	.05	Monita	.25
Colonna	12½	Mugwump	14½
Commander	.27	Monte Cristo	.17
Deer Park	.19	Nest Egg	10½
Delacola	01½	Novelty	12½
Elise	.09	O.K.	.31
Eric	.10	Old Ironsides	.14
Enterprise	.20	Poorman	.10
Eureka Con	06½	Red Mountain View	12
Evening Star	.18	Red Eagle	07½
Good Hope, 2000 at	05¾	St. Elmo	12½
Great Western	17½	San Joaquin	.10
Gibson (near Kaslo)	10	Virginia	.24
Hattie Brown	.10	Vulcan	.04
Ross'd Homestake	.17	War Eagle	1 55
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Iron Queen	.02	Wonderful	13
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Mountain Rose	.10	Good Hope	04½
TEXADA ISLAND.		Great Western	.17
Van Anda	.10	Grand Prize	.05
Victoria Tex. (par)	.25	High Ore	.07
CAMP M'KINNEY.		Iron Mask	.56
Cariboo	.46	Iron Queen	.02
SLOCAN.		International	.03
Dellie	12½	Ivanhoe	.05
Idler	07½	Josie	.59
London Group (par)	25	Josie Mac	12½
Noble Five	.57	Mabel	.15
Rambler-Cariboo	.35	Mayflower	14½
Reco	1 00	Monte Cristo	.17
Santa Marie	03½	Nest Egg	.09
Wonderful Group	11½	Norway	.05
REVELSTOKE.		O.K.	.29
Orphan Boy	.15	Silverine	.10
CARIBOO.		St. Elmo	.12
Cariboo M. & D. Co.	.25	Virginia	.19
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Caledonia	.10	Mayflower	.16
Crown Point	.45	Monte Cristo	.17
Commander	.26	Nest Egg	.10
Deer Park	.18	Novelty	.12
Eureka Con	.10	Northern Light	.15
Evening Star	.23	Noble Five	.57
Good Hope	05½	O.K.	.30
Grand Prize	05½	Old Ironsides	.12
Great Western	.17	Phoenix	.15
Georgia	.15	Poorman	.10
Gertrude	.02	Quadra	.10
Gladiator	04½	Rambler Cariboo	.37
Helen	05½	Reco	1 00
High Ore	.07	Star M. & M. Co	.10
Iron Queen	.02	St. Elmo	.12
Imperial	.10	Virginia	.21
Iron Mask	.61	War Eagle	1 58
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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897, at the same hour and place.

By order.
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, and of authorizing the Trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.
Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m, at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no28-1w H. E. FORSTER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8 6t Official Administrator.

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TIME TABLE No. 28.

Takes effect November 1st, 1896.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

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For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at o'clock.

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G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.
Victoria, January 1st.

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GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 8:00	P.M. 3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

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	Daily	Sat'day
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Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
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For Portland	12:20 p.m.
*For Olympia	8:20 a.m.
*For Gray's H. and S. Bend	12:20 p.m
For Tacoma	8:20 a.m
For Tacoma	12:20 p.m.
For Tacoma	6:00 p.m.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT SEATTE:

From Spokane, St. Paul and East	2:30 p.m.
From Portland	8:20 p.m.
*From Olympia	8:20 p.m.
*From Gray's H. and S. Bend	8:20 p.m.
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MUNICIPAL ACT OF 1896.

A communication in another column by "An Interested Voter" calls attention to an article in the Times of Monday last, under the title of "Masterly Inactivity," and asks for information regarding the validity of the statements it contained. The correspondent makes some pertinent remarks, and, as will be seen, has hit the mark in suggesting that there is a good deal more smoke than fire. The truth is that the Kamloops Sentinel, which furnished the material for the Times, has discovered a large-sized "mare's nest."

A concerted attempt is being made by a section of the Opposition press to attach blame to the administration in respect of certain alleged defects in the municipal legislation passed at the last session. As a matter of fact, the Municipal Acts of 1896 were not Government measures, and were not carried on party lines, being introduced by a private member and referred for consideration and revision to a select committee chosen on account of its skill and experience in municipal matters. A perusal of these statutes will convince anyone at all versed in municipal affairs that they were carefully framed, with due regard to the public interests, and that the committee and the Legislature took every precaution to preserve the corporate rights of existing municipalities. The only interest which the Government have in maintaining these acts is to secure the best possible form of municipal government, and should it appear that amendments may with advantage be made, there can be no doubt that the Government, with the aid of the members of the Legislature, irrespective of party adherence, will give the matter careful attention and adopt without delay, any measures insuring desirable results.

To fully understand the question it would almost be necessary to review the history of municipal legislation in this Province; but for present purposes it will probably be sufficient to state that it was deemed advisable by the Legislature, owing to the transition state of municipal development in a new Province, which requires continual amendments to the act, as unforeseen exigencies arise, to deal with certain matters in separate acts, instead of as an entire statute consolidation. For this purpose, as stated, a special committee of the House or commission was appointed, of which Mr. Kitchen was made chairman. For the work of the Legislature in this respect, whether faulty or otherwise, the Government, as already intimated, was not specially responsible.

As a matter of fact, however, there are no grounds of complaint as alleged, the gravamen of which is thus stated in the Times: "One section of the new Act makes special provision for the constitution of the civic government of Victoria and Nanaimo, and another section takes care of city municipalities hereafter incorporated; but no provision is made for the cities of Kamloops, Kaslo and Vernon, which have been incorporated for some time."

The hysteria exhibited by the Kamloops Sentinel, and to some extent shared in by the Times, arose out of a misunderstanding, or an inability to properly read the Act. Sections 1, 3 and 14 of the Municipal Clauses were considered without reference to sections 6 and 7. There is no foundation for the fear of disfranchisement of Kamloops, Kaslo and Vernon, which were incorporated under the Act of 1892.

By sections 6 and 7 of the Municipal Clauses Act, the maintenance of existing corporations and the continuance of their corporate rights, powers and liabilities as vested in them by their letters patent are more carefully provided for. These letters patent, in every instance, define the constitution of the Municipal Council and fix membership, power being given by section 15 of the Municipal Clauses Act to increase the number by a unanimous resolution of the Council. The Municipal Elections Act applies as well to existing as to municipalities hereafter to be incorporated, and not the slightest doubt or difficulty can exist in electing the Councils of 1897 in the municipalities to which reference has been made.

Complaint is also made in regard to the disqualification of non-residents who were formerly permitted to vote in respect of real estate holdings. There would seem to be no doubt that this is a somewhat radical change, and in certain municipalities will lead, at the ensuing elections, to some degree of inconvenience. On the other hand, it may be depended upon to reveal a somewhat surprising state of affairs in regard to the number of non-resident electors, and the complete control by them of municipal affairs in certain municipalities. As one of the most important factors in the success of any system of municipal government is the interest in their welfare of the home community, and the care which will be given to matters intimately connected therewith, as distinguished from the manner of dealing with outside or purely speculative investments, it will be seen that the question of non-resident electors is one calling for the most careful consideration, and needing adequate safeguards against rash speculation, and trafficking on the strength of the credit which has been gained for our municipal institutions by the financial methods of the older corporations.

Undoubtedly the immediate effect of the non-resident clause in such municipalities as North Vancouver, where there is only one actual resident, was not foreseen or it might have been specially provided against or modified, although the anomaly and the liability to abuse in the case of a municipality without resident voters are quite apparent. The onus, if any, should attach to those whose residence in the district affected should have made them acquainted with the special conditions existing there. Should the matter be discussed in the Legislature, as it undoubtedly will be, it will be the means of opening the eyes of the members to a state of affairs that really should never have been permitted to exist.

CHINESE HUMBUG.

The December number of the Contemporary Review contains a very entertaining article on Chinese Humbug. The drift of the article is to make good the famous doctrine of Bret Harte, "For ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee is peculiar." The writer, who is E. H. Parker, takes a very indulgent view of the foibles of the Chinese. He does not see a very great deal of harm in the tricks to which they resort in order to accomplish their ends. "The Pecksniffian arts," he says, are carried to high perfection in China, as everyone who has lived in the country must well know, Chinese history teems with stories of "bluff" and deception, and the successful humbugs are nearly always held up by historians as models of wisdom."

As most of our readers know the Chinese make a great ado when one of their number dies. Mr. Parker says "the Chinese are greater humbugs in their grief than in any other matter. At funerals the eldest son at least ought to weep at the nose as well as the eyes, and usually does so, being supported as he staggers along in his grief by a couple of best men. The concubines are in chairs, and keep up a prolonged howling so long as anyone is in sight, chatting gaily, however, or cracking melon seeds in the intervals."

When the Viceroy Jweilin died at Canton one of the consuls who was a great friend of his, desired to go to the lying-in-state, and it was a serious question how he and his suite should "howl" when they got there; however, the wailing was compromised for a series of bows. When I arrived at the post a second time an old Chinaman was announced and immediately began to wipe his eyes and sob as soon as he saw me. I asked him what was the matter. He said, "I hear that one of your predecessors who was here five years ago is dead?" I said, "Yes! But I can't join you! it is not our custom to cry unless we feel like it." He said: 'Oh, I beg your pardon,' and at once became as cheerful as possible. It is a punishable offence for an official not to wail in proper form at court."

The reviewer is of opinion that the Chinese are not consistent even in humbug. "It is a remarkable thing," he says, "that with all this deceit and corruption there is no country where mercantile operations are more methodically or even honorably carried on. Each trade has its craft, its obfuscations and its dodges; but so long as they are left alone to manipulate this part of the business in their own way, the Chinese merchants are eminently trustworthy, and their mere word is as often as not as good as any bond. It is also a very noteworthy fact, that, in spite of the ingenuity they all show in obtaining a maximum of profit from a minimum of work done, there is no country in the world where there is so much steady and patient industry, whether it be among the agriculturists or the artisans—always provided the man is working in his own interest, or, if for others, by the job and not by time."

BICYCLE SPEED.

A good many stories are told about the speed with which an expert bicycler can get over the ground. It is affirmed that under favorable conditions he can beat the fastest race-horses, either trotters or runners. Of course many of the stories told must be taken with several grains of allowance. Faddists of all kinds, we regret to say, are prone to exaggeration. The stories they tell, if the whole truth and nothing but the truth were told, would be materially modified. If one were to assert in the presence of a number of enthusiastic cyclers that a trained rider on the bicycle can go for one hundred hours not quite four times as fast as a trained pedestrian, he would be laughed to scorn. Four and a half miles an hour is the highest speed that the best pedestrians can keep up for any length of time. The highest record for a pedestrian is 455 miles 1,320 yards, or about three-quarters of a mile more, in 100 hours. The man who performed this feat was Fitzgerald, well known, we presume, in sporting circles. The winner of the bicycle race in Madison Square, Hale, made 1,401 miles in 100 hours, this is a fraction more than 14 miles an hour. It was confidently predicted that Hale would travel four times as fast as the best of the pedestrians. If he had done so he would have 1,820 miles instead of 1,400. "In fact," the New York Times says, "the speed of the bicycle is to the speed of the pedestrian, for long distances, much nearer three than four to one."

It will have to be admitted that the speed of 14 miles an hour, kept up for one hundred hours continuously, is a really wonderful feat. We wonder how many horses there are that can keep up a speed of fourteen miles an hour on any kind of a track under the most favorable conditions. Says the Times:

Fourteen miles an hour, then, may be taken as at present the highest average speed that can be maintained on the bicycle, as a little over four miles and a half is the highest that can be maintained on foot, for a perion of four days, with the time for sleep and food reduced to an absolute minimum. These physical needs are constant, it is true, while the bicycle is presumably improvable. It does not seem likely, however, that any very great improvement remains to be made in the elimination of friction. The gearing may conceivably be improved so as to make the machine cover a greater distance for each stroke. It is noteworthy that Hale's rivals have attributed his long lead to the uncommonly high gear he uses. In respect to the physical condition of athletes at the end of a six-day race there is probably not much to choose.

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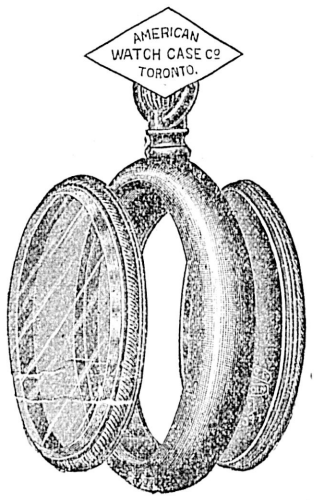

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THE CITY.

RT. REV. BISHOP PERRIN last evening delivered at St. Barnabas' church the last of his interesting and helpful illustrated lectures on "The Advent of Our Lord."

THE Council of the Board of Trade yesterday elected Mr. G. A. Kirk vice-president, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Gustav Leiser. Mr. Arthur Robertson was also chosen as a member of the council.

ONE of the best selected stocks of jewellery, watches, etc., in town will be found at J. Wenger's, Government street. Something to suit the purse and the artistic ideas of every one is included in the handsome and numerous collection.

OWING to the Coroner being otherwise engaged yesterday, the inquest in connection with the death, apparently by suicide, of the young Japanese Totaugh was not held yesterday as originally contemplated. It is set for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's R.C. cathedral, who recently gave a sale of work at Institute hall, have still on hand several articles for which they wish the owners to call. These articles include a large cake won by W. Forley, a cushion won by John McCarrah, and a toy stove won by S. H. Haake.

A SECOND remand was taken yesterday in the case of the young man Langley, it being the police this time that wanted further time in which to prosecute inquiries. Langley, it will be remembered, alleged, when arraigned on Thursday, that the arrest was inspired by jealousy, he having been retained as a private detective by representatives of several of the city churches to ascertain if members of the police force were or were not performing their duty.

TRUSTEES, parents and friends turned out in large numbers yesterday for the formal exercises in connection with the closing for the Christmas vacation of the Craigflower public school. The teacher, Mr. Samuel Shepherd, was heartily congratulated upon the progress of his pupils, who enter upon their holidays after a most successful and well applied term. Songs and recitations with short addresses interspersed the oral examinations, followed by the reading of the promotion lists and the distribution of prizes.

IT is expected that a larger audience than usual will enjoy this evening's popular concert at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, the programme for which is announced as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. McDonald; solo, "Darby and Joan," Mrs. Rowlands; violin solo, Mr. Noel Barker; solo, Mrs. McDonald; character recitation, "De milk in de cocoanut," Mr. Sherborne; solo, Mr. Oliver; vocal solo, Miss Stoddart; solo, "Bonny Mary of Argyle," Mr. Gordon; trio, "Ye shepherds, tell me," Mrs. Rowlands, Messrs. Gordon and Rowlands; and solo, Mr. Ives.

THE last chapter in the sad life story of William T. Harris, a well connected young Englishman who has been a resident of this city for some years past, was completed yesterday, when Coroner Crompton and a jury of which Mr. C. J. Wilkes was foreman held an inquest upon his body and returned a verdict of death from pneumonia. Although his prospects and advantages were all of the best, Harris while yet a boy acquired a fondness for drink that quickly worked his ruin. He made various spasmodic efforts to break the clutch of the vice upon him, but unsuccessfully, and on Tuesday last was brought before the police magistrate for druukenness. He was even then on the verge of delirium tremens, and being convicted was remanded and sent to the hospital for necessary treatment. There he died on Wednesday morning, a cold contracted during his spree resulting in pneumonia and death. Had he lived but a few weeks longer Harris would have entered into possession of a fortune inherited from a relative dying not long ago in the old land.

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THE shareholders of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company hold their annual meeting to-day.

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THE property owners of South Victoria district hold a meeting at the Royal Oak this evening to consider the advisability of petitioning the government for a reduction of the rate of assessment on real property.

AH LONG, charged with aggravated assault upon a brother Chinaman, will have a trial in the city police court today. The weapon made use of was an iron bar, and the battered head of the complainant is produced in evidence as testimony to the severity of the attack.

THE certificates for '97 of the Commercial Travellers' Association for the Dominion of Canada have been received by the local agents, Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., at whose office past members may now secure their renewal cards and hitherto unattached travellers' affiliate.

MR. HERBERT CUTHBERT received the sad news yesterday of the death of his mother, Mrs. William Cuthbert, at Haxby, York, England, she being at the time of her demise in her 59th year. The deceased was well and favorably known in this city, where for some time she resided with her son.

A LETTER from San Francisco yesterday gives the news that William Le Lievre, of this city, sustained a fracture of the collar-bore besides serious internal injuries while giving an exhibition of rough-riding at the horse show recently held in the Bay City. His broncho, a vicious little beast, became unruly, eventually jumping the fence and causing a stampede, in which the rider came to grief.

YESTERDAY afternoon the students of Victoria college completed their Christmas examinations and dispersed for the usual vacation. Quite unexpectedly the fifth and sixth forms availed themselves of the opportunity to present Principal and Mrs. Church with a splendid silver and oak dinner gong. The other forms not to be outdone in generosity also remembered their masters—Mr. W. R. Wilson being the recipient of a particularly handsome present.

HON. Mr. BLAIR and Col. Domville, M.P., were pleasantly though busily employed yesterday, receiving callers both officially and otherwise, meeting the business men of the city at the public meeting in the Board of Trade rooms, and partaking of the hospitalities of the Badminton Club and of private friends. This morning the minister and his companion leave by train for Nanaimo, where they spend the day, going thence to Vancouver by the Quadra.

IN addition to the meritorious programme of band music published below, there will be two special attractions this evening at the drill hall promenade concert—a Balaclava melee and a potato race, both of which promise to produce fun and excitement galore. The selections by the band of the regiment will be: March, "Senegambia," Voelker; overture, "Fra Diavolo," Auber; selection, "Isle of Champagne," Furst; waltzes, "Casino Tanze," Gungl; grand potpourri of "English Songs," Basquit; caprice, "Little Chatterbox," Eilenberg; and medley selection, "Bric-a, Brac," Missud.

REV. D. H. REID officiated on Thursday evening at the marriage of Mr. Robert Livingston, a representative young business man and prominent footballer of Victoria, to Miss Grace Edith Craigie, daughter of Mrs. Blackmore of 148 Johnson street. The interesting ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, the Misses Jane and Sarah Sandwith, her cousins, supporting the bride; Mr. W. Rennie acting as best man, assisted by Master Jackie Trace; and Mr. Blackmore, her stepfather, giving the bride away. Many pretty and appropriate gifts testified to the high esteem in which both bride and groom are held by their many friends, conspicuous among the presents which will adorn the new home being a handsome marble clock from the staff of the COLONIST binderv, where the bride had for some time past been one of the most popular employees.

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THE LAST SALMON SHIP.

In a very few days the last of the 1896 salmon fleet, the British bark Cairnsmore, will sail for England with a cargo of 40,649 cases, to be dispatched by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. This cargo is made up of 22,489 cases shipped by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.; 8,855, Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.; 4,354, Findlay, Durham & Brodie; 1,954, The Federation Brand Salmon Canning Co., Ltd.; 1,643, Turner, Beeton & Co.; and 1,354, Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co., Ltd. It was placed in the ship by the well known stevedore firm of Cates & McDermott, and was all received at the outer wharf. The Cairnsmore is the tenth salmon vessel to load at a British Columbia port this year, and her cargo makes the entire amount now afloat 539,136 cases, which if valued at $5 per case, gives a value for the salmon shipped by water to England this year of $2,695,560. The Embleton was the first of the fleet away, sailing on October 3, and being followed six days later by the Tersera. On October 21 the Glenogil left, and four days afterwards the Natuna. In November four vessels sailed, the Glenogle on the 6th, the Orealla on the 9th, the Snowdrop on the 17th, and the Drumlanrig on the 22nd. The Drumcliff was the last to sail to date.

CANADIAN FISHING GOOD.

The old and once familiar steamer Edith, which has been made over into something resembling a steam schooner and put into the fresh fish trade, returned from Queen Charlotte island this week with a good cargo, says the Seattle Times. In one-half day's fishing over the bank 900 halibut were taken. These fish are all for Eastern shipment.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Mexico sailed last evening for San Francisco, her Victoria cabin passengers being: Miss Jane Conway, J. W. Lang, Miss Ida Hunter, Mrs. E. J. Salmon, W. S. McDonald and wife, Mrs. H. W. Maynard and child, and Geo. Child.

The collier Everett, bound for Departure Bay, passed up from sea yesterday morning, having met the collier Wellington, bound out from the Bay, off the Cape.

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This game with the Navy has been so regularly arranged and so faithfully cancelled on account of ground being too soft or too hard, too wet or too dry, that lovers of football have begun to lose confidence in the possibility of it ever maturing. A frost seems in fact to have struck the good old game of Rugby this season in all parts of the province, and unless its devotees awake and "play ball" very shortly its name and its fame locally threaten to become even as "has been's." The once invincible Hornets have lost their sting; Vancouver could not get a team together to play their first engagement of the schedule; and now Westminster, which was to have met Victoria at Caledonia park to-day, telegraph regrets.

To prevent disappointment to those who looked forward to to-day's game, the Navy yesterday afternoon kindly volunteered to take the place of the Royal City team, and as their fifteen has been considerably strengthened since they engaged the Fifth Regiment an interesting contest should result. The kick-off will be at 3 o'clock, and the following have been selected to represent Victoria: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, C. Gamble, K. Scholefield, C. E. Wilson and J. M. Miller (captain); halves, H. B. Haines and A. T. Goward; forwards, L. Crease, J. H. Austin, J. K. Macrae, W. R. G. Atkins, A. G. Langley, A. B. Spain and M. W. O'Brien.

The Y.M.C.A. play both their Rugby and Association teams to-day, the former meeting the Fifth Regiment at Beacon Hill and the latter journeying to the Barracks by the 2 o'clock car from Campbell's corner and there engaging the R.M.A. team. The names of the Y.M.C.A. players in both Rugby and Association were published yesterday; their opponents on the team of citizen soldiers will be: Full back, H. A. Holmes; three quarters, J. F. Foulkes (captain), T. E. Pooley, J. Pemberton and W. R. Wilson; halves, T. P. Patton and P. R. Daniles; forwards, L. B. Trimen, D. C. Tuck, R. H. Johnston, C. P. W. Schwengers, F. A. Futcher, J. R. Gaudin, T. Cornwall and J. Bridgman.

THERE was trouble on the wires yesterday somewhere north of Nanaimo, and in consequence there were no dispatches last evening.

MR. C. A. GODSON has disposed of his well known sloop yacht, the Irene, to a sport-loving resident of Saanich, who will use her in his shooting and fishing expeditions.

THE "Christian Citizens' League" were to have held a meeting in Temperance hall last evening to make arrangements in connection with the approaching municipal elections. But half a dozen members put in an appearance, however, and the consideration of the important business of the evening was of necessity deferred.

WILLIAM GUSTAV MEIER, who after telling a fairy story of a hold-up to the police, was himself arrested for stealing, as narrated in the COLONIST of yesterday, pleaded guilty of petty theft when arraigned in the city police court. He was, however, remanded for further consideration, the police having come to the conclusion that stealing an overcoat from the Occidental—with which he was charged—does not constitute the sum total of his offences.

LAST evening was pleasantly spent by Camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World, the programme for business and pleasure provided for the occasion including the election of officers for the ensuing term. This resulted in the following appointments being made: Consul commander, L. Hall, D.D.S.; adviser lieutenant, H. C. Edwards; banker, J. D. Warren; clerk, W. Jackson; escort, W. B. Shakespeare; physicians, E. A. Hall, F. W. Hall acd R. L. Fraser; watchman, W. H. Fenwick; secretary, R. Davidson; and auditor, W. H. Brooks; with H. C. Edwards, Thos. Bradbury and F. A. Cuthbert as visiting committee. The above officers will be installed on Monday, the 4th proximo, the next regular meeting night of the camp. On the third Friday in January the fifth quarterly concert will be held, arrangements for which event are now in progress.

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JANUARY 5 was the date fixed upon at the quarterly meeting of Fernwood lodge, No. 178, C.O.O.F., last evening for the holding of the Christmast treat for the children, and while this was being determined it was also decided to defer the next regular meeting of the lodge, which falls on New Year's Day, to January 14. The lodge has elected as its officers and board of management for the coming term the following: L.M., P.N.G., J. R. Wescott; P.N.G., W. H. Coates; N. G., A. Campbell; V.G., J. D. Campbell; Rec. Sec., G. E. Wilkesdon; Fin. Sec., T. W. Carter; Treas., W. F. Fullerton; Cond., R. Hawke; Warden, P. T. James; Trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh and Wm. McCormack; Auditors, B. Cooper, J. R. Wescott and I. D. Campbell; Fin. Com., A. Campbell, I. Campbell and J. R. Wescott; R.S.N.G., W. C. Kerr; L. S.N.G., P. Christienson; R.S.V.G., B. Cooper; L.S.V.G., R. W. Shaw; I.G., E. Brinjolfson; O.G., L. Sharpe; and Lodge Surgeon, Dr. E. Hall.

LAST season's "sad experience," as many consider it, in prospecting in the Cook inlet country is not going to deter men from going there the coming season. There will not be that early rush that characterized last season, but the inlet will, it is believed, receive very close attention the coming summer. There are numbers here, says the Seattle Times, who will go in again and many new people will try it. The commercial companies which did business there last season are making preparations to send supplies up very early this season. The United States Commercial Company, which has a store there this winter, will start a vessel about the 15th of March, and very likely another about the 20th of that month. The Stella Erland, owned by the company, will be one of the craft sent and a new one will be purchased. After the first trip one of the schooners will go sealing and the other continue in voyaging between Seattle and the Inlet. This company took in over $5,000 in gold dust over its counter last season.

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PROVINCIAL WANTS.

Necessity of a Railway to the Coast Impressed on Hon. Mr. Blain.

The Minister Made to Understand That It Is a Pressing Necessity.

There was a large gathering of business men at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday at the presentation to Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways and canals, of an address by the Board of Trade. President D. R. Ker in welcoming the minister jokingly intimated in alluding to the references to railway communication with Kootenay that the minister no doubt had the necessity of railway communication impressed upon him by his late delays on railroads on the United States side.

The address, which had appended to it the address presented to Hon. Mr. Tarte, read as follows:

To the Honorable A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals:

It affords the members of the British Columbia Board of Trade great pleasure in welcoming you upon this, your first visit to this province.

You will find appended to this address a memorandum of requirements which was presented to the Hon. J. Israel Tarte and the Hon. L. H. Davies during their late visits, which covers the most pressing needs coming under the heads of different departments.

We desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity now afforded us to place before you as minister of railways and canals some important matters affecting this province at the present time.

Your visit has no doubt already enabled you to form an opinion, which we cannot but conclude will be favorable, of the vast mineral resources of the Kootenay district.

This board has learned with pleasure that such assistance will more than likely be granted to the Crow's Nest Pass railway during the coming session of parliament that will ensure its early construction. The great benefit this will be to the Dominion is unquestioned, and we would impress upon you most strongly the fact that in the opinion of this board assistance of the Dominion towards the construction of a direct line to Kootenay from this coast simultaneously with the Crow's Nest railway is of vital importance.

We call your attention to the fact that a large supply of English goods is carried by the Coast wholesalers, which class of trade has hitherto been supplied from our cities, but it can now be clearly seen that the large houses of Spokane, by importing the same kind of goods direct by sailing vessel to the Sound ports and thence to their city in bond and delivering from bonded warehouses direct to Kootenay points, a serious competition has been established through the advantages Spokane has in supplying orders in a very much shorter time than from here.

This is only one illustration of how the coast cities are handicapped, and the difficulty can only be surmounted by a direct line of railway which would bring not only the Kootenay country in close touch with the coast cities, but also the equally rich mineral as well as agricultural country through which the line would pass.

Such a line would also be the means of bringing about the erection of smelters at the Coast the advantages of which would be very great, owing to the splendid opportunity of selecting not only from the different Kootenay points, but also from points on the Coast, the classes of ore necessary for fluxing and thereby ensuring successful smelting at the lowest possible cost.

This board would also draw your attention to the great opportunity which is afforded your government of taking into serious consideration the assisting of a line to the north, generally known as the British Pacific, that would open up through the Cariboo country one of the richest agricultural tracts in the Dominion as well as bring in touch with the outside world that portion of British Columbia lying hundreds of miles to the north of the Canadian Pacific railway and which is now only partly reached by wagon road.

The confidence capitalists are now showing in the immense mineral wealth of this district cannot be better illustrated than by the large quantity of hydraulic and mining machinery that is now being forwarded by the wagon road and the prosecution of extensive mining undertakings and the exceedingly heavy cost of working mines in this part of the country. If it is possible for mines to be worked at a profit after importing machinery on which as high as five and six cents per pound freight has to be paid in addition to the railway charges, it can be clearly seen what immense advantages would be derived by having this part of the country reached by rail.

The feasibility of this northern route has been clearly demonstrated by surveys made years ago by the Dominion government as well as by later investigations by the provincial government and which all go to prove that this road can be constructed and maintained at a very much lower cost than the Canadian Pacific railway.

Large tracts of grazing and agricultural lands will be made accessible for settlement and with the development of mines a large market will be opened up which would not be, as is the case with the lower part of the province that is so situated as to be supplied with foreign produce. It would also give a splendid market for goods of home production.

This line could clearly be styled the Great Imperial Colonization Railway, as looking at it from an Imperial standpoint, it has no equal, being situated as it is many miles from any foreign neighbor and running through a country capable of sustaining an immense population and being protected by natural conditions until the Imperial naval station at Esquimalt is reached.

This board learns that application has been made to the Dominion government for a charter for this line and we hope that it will receive favorable consideration at your hands, and that, when the proper time comes for applying for the necessary assistance by whomsoever may decide to actively engage in its construction, such assistance will be given by the Dominion government commensurate with the importance of the undertaking.

Allow us to again remind you that British Columbia is a young and undeveloped province and whose natural resources are such as we believe are not equalled by any other province in the Dominion. To make these natural resources productive and to settle the lands with a happy and contented people it will require assistance from the Dominion which may temporarily add to the national indebtedness, but from which we are satisfied the best returns can be had.

For the British Columbia Board of Trade,
D. R. Ker, President,
F. Elworthy, Secretary.
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18, 1896.

Hon. Mr. Blair in replying to the address made quite an eloquent speech. After expressing his pleasure at having an opportunity to visit the Coast, he said that his reason for coming was to make himself personally acquainted with the country and its wants, so that the government might intelligently deal with the subjects that would come to their notice. He was the more particularly struck with this necessity when he was in Kootenay, for until he saw it for himself he had no idea of the extent of its mineral wealth. So great was this country, in a mineral sense, that he almost feared it would be hard to impress all the facts on the people in the East when he returned, if he told all that he saw. He had given as much time as he could to the Kootenay district, and though it was not the best season of the year for visiting that country he had no choice in the matter, for if he had not come now he would have had to postpone his visit to next summer. He noticed that the address dealt with large questions—larger in some respects than he had expected would have been presented to him at this visit. Turning to the Crow's Nest Pass railway, he was free, he said, to confess that he had not been aware that public opinion had matured, and, until he had come to the Coast, there was a general and well developed sentiment in favor of extending that line to the Coast and also of building the British Pacific. He was bound to say that he had heard it in Kootenay, but since he had come to the Coast he had learned that there was a strong public feeling in regard to the necessity of a line from Kootenay to the Coast. (Applause.) The reports in the press that he had expressed an opinion unfavorable to extending the Crow's Nest railway to the Coast were not accurate. The subject had not been mooted in any of the addresses he had received at Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland or other interior towns and he had therefore never been called upon to express an opinion on the subject. It might have been mentioned, perhaps, in private conversation but he had not committed himself in any way. He noticed the address referred to that subject in very strong terms and he gathered from it that it was the public opinion here that the road must be built. (Great applause.) These opinions were well worthy of consideration, but he thought it fair to say that though he might be convinced personally they might still be far from the realization of their hopes. They must convince the Eastern public as well and until this province has filled up with population the strong end of the Dominion will be in the East, and the East therefore must be convinced before large undertakings can be brought to a conclusion. For himself, he would seek with what in him lay to reach a just and reasonable conclusion on the subject, but he could make no promises. He had not even said in Kootenay that the government would construct the Crow's Nest Pass railway. He could only say so after the government had decided on what would be done. He believed, however, that the road to the Coast would be built, and he believed it was a necessity (applause), for he believed that it would reach a part of the province that could not be reached in any other manner. That was what convinced him that the road must be built in time. He had been convinced on his visit to Kootenay that by far the larger part of the territory would produce what is commonly known as low grade ore, and which, to create the results hoped for, must necessarily be treated at the lowest possible cost and with transportation furnished at a minimum of cost. He had no prejudice against any of the great railway companies, but he did not think that the true interests and welfare of the country could allow any corporation—no matter how great—to have control of all transportation interests. (Applause.) He would, therefore, impose on the railways some supreme control that should regulate their tariff rates. Cheap fuel must be guaranteed, too, and they could not have that if the coal lands were locked up in the hands of a railway corporation. Therefore the question arose in his mind that whether the government took upon them the railway to the Coast in whole or in part, the great coal lands should not be locked up in monopolistic hands. He would say the same, too, as regarded timber lands. He had received no mandate from his colleagues to enquire into the British Pacific railway, and it would be well not to encumber the present and more prominent enterprises by taking up a great variety of subjects. He was glad the Pacific coast was ambitious, but he would remind them again that at present the political power of the country is in the East, and though the East was kindly disposed towards the West, the East must be propitiated. He was glad to meet the people of British Columbia, because he found them people of a class of talent, energy and braininess that would do credit to any part of the world. They had the men, they had the energy and had the resources, which would produce a wealth to which the wealth of the Indies would not compare. Above all there was an evidence of hope and unbounded confidence in the future of the province, and with all these facts before him a man would be unwise who would place any limit to the prosperity of this province. In closing the minister promised to return to British Columbia before many months.

Colonel Domville, M.P., who had accompanied the minister to the meeting made a short and witty address in response to an invitation to speak. When he had left his home in New Brunswick he had not known where Rossland was and cared less, but his visit had shown him that this province had a great future and resources of which the East did not realize the extent. When he saw British Columbia it was like Moses viewing the promised land, and the time would not be far distant when British Columbia would have a million of people within her borders. British Columbia had a right to have her territory opened up, and if they could show Eastern Canada that their proposed railways were for the benefit of not one section only, but of the whole of Canada, he was sure that the roads would be built. In closing he said that he trusted to visit British Columbia again soon, and if he could not he would send here one of his boys at least to make him a British Columbian.

Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P., in moving a vote of thanks, said that the Minister now that he was here could hear from every man that British Columbia was set on having a railway to Kootenay from the coast. The Minister had seen for himself that our resources were of little use unless there was cheap transportation, and, independent of politics, Conservative and Liberal were in favor of assistance being given to build this road from the coast to Kootenay. (Applause.) He was sorry that there had not been another railway mentioned, that was the extension of the E. & N. to the end of Vancouver island. There was on this island as fine coal as there was in the world and as good minerals as there were on the mainland, and what was particularly wanted was the extension of the E. & N. road. In speaking of a personal visit to the province as the best way of enlightening Eastern people he remarked that he was in favor of free passes to members of parliament, so that they could travel over the country and see it for themselves. That was the very best way to get these Eastern men out here, for otherwise many of them not being men of means would be unable to come. (Applause.)

Mr. Thos. Earle, M.P., in seconding the vote of thanks said that while emphasizing what his colleague had said, he regretted that the minister's stay could not be longer. He was pleased to hear what Hon. Mr. Blair had said, for it showed the minister had been greatly impressed with the great future before British Columbia. He only hoped the minister would imbue the other members of the cabinet with the same view. in the general interests of the country party politics should be laid aside and such measures put through as would conduce to the best interests of the Dominion. It was very true that they must be able to impress the East with the necessity for the construction of the railway from the coast to Kootenay, but he thought that parliament could be shown that such a line was a most pressing necessity at the present moment.

Mr. Wm. Templeman had listened with great pleasure to the remarks of the minister, and though the government could not make direct promises he was sure the minister would carry away with him the idea that the Crow's Nest railway should be continued to the coast. He was of opinion that the address should not have been burdened with other railway scheme, as the others were not of so pressing a nature. It was not right that a road should come from the East to tap this province, without giving our own people a road to the Coast. He desired that Mr. Blair should carry back to Ottawa the desire of the people here that every minister should take the opportunity to visit this Western country.

Dr. Milne followed speaking of the necessity of the road to the Coast, saying that he and a number of other gentlemen were interested in having it built, and with very good prospects.

The vote of thanks being carried the meeting adjourned.

THE CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Mate Lundberg of the "Ada" Relates the Story of Her Seizure—Arrangements for the San Francisco Session.

The sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission yesterday morning opened with the cross-examination of Captain William Cox by Hon. Mr. Dickinson for the United States. In reply to a question as to why the Sapphire did not go into Behring sea in 1888, the witness stated that the captain was afraid to enter for fear of seizure. The next year the vessel left the sea early because the Indians wanted to come home. When the Indians got a notion in their heads money did not weigh against it in their opinion, and probably the fact of there being a sick man aboard was their reason for wanting to go home.

Charles Lundberg, examined as to the Ada case, stated that he was living in Yokohama close to the shipyard where the Ada and Diana were built.

Witness was being asked as to the cost of the Diana, when Hon. Mr. Dickinson objected to this kind of testimony, which, he said, was only hearsay. A long discussion arose as to the admissibility of such evidence, the British side maintaining that the United States had put in similar evidence, and that therefore if it were admitted on one side it should be on the other. Finally, though no agreement was arrived at between counsel, the matter was dropped.

Witness, continuing, said he had come to Victoria in 1887 on the Ada and on June 16, 1887, the Ada left Victoria on a cruise to Behring sea, witness being mate on board. The schooner was seized in Behring sea on August 25 by the U. S. revenue cutter Bear and taken to Ounalaska and afterwards to Sitka. At Sitka, the captain was allowed to go ashore but the witness and the crew were ordered to stay aboard, and were kept there for four or five days. They were then liberated and told they might go, but had no money to leave. Finally the Rush brought them away about the end of September. There were 1,876 skins on board the schooner when seized, and he believed that 1,000 more would have been taken before the season was over had the vessel not been seized.

Captain Clarence Cox and Captain O'Leary were on the stand during the afternoon giving evidence principally as to seal catches, and the distribution of the seal in Behring sea, along the same lines as other witnesses for the British side. Just before adjournment Hon. Mr. Blair and Col. Domville, M.P., visited the commission for a few minutes.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Behring Sea Commissioners, who are now in session at Victoria, will come to San Francisco at the conclusion of their labors to continue their inquiry at this port. United States Attorney-General Harmon has written to United States District Attorney Foote asking him to secure accommodation for the commission. Mr. Foote has arranged to have the rooms of the United States Circuit Court of Appeal set aside for their use up to February 1, at which time the court will convene. The commission will probably need longer time and other arrangements will be made for the continuance of the session.

THE MUNICIPALITY ACT.

To the Editor:—In Monday evening Times appeared an editorial headed "Masterly Inactivity" in which the municipalities act of last session is dealt with, and, as is the custom of the Times, all defects, errors, omissions and commissions are laid at the door of the provincial government.

Can you tell me, Mr. Editor, what all the trouble really is about? Is it a case of a small fire and big smoke for political capital? If I recollect rightly this act was dealt with by a committee, of which a very active opponent of the government was chairman. Perhaps it was a deep laid scheme of his "agin the government," or is there really as much amiss with the new act as the opposition are trying to make out? By replying and enlightening you will relieve the terrors of A Municipal Voter.

Victoria, December 18.

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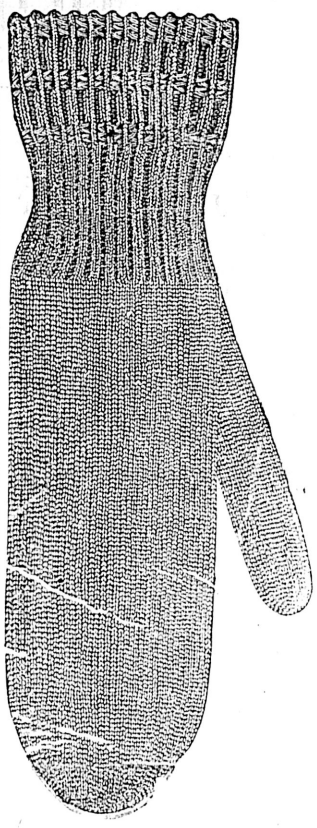

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15th December, 1896.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.
2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.
3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.
4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."
5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." dec18

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. dec18

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Victoria, B.C., December 10, 1896. dec11-td

NOTICE.

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Sealed tenders will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

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W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for house and lot with outbuildings, up to the 19th December. Can be seen by applying on the premises 299 Moss street. A. Edwards dec16

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HOW DID MACEO DIE?

Still Another Story as to the Circumstances and Manner of His Taking Off.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says: Passengers by to-night's steamer from Havana state that rumors of fighting near the trocha were rife in Havana. The movements of troops in the streets were more frequent than usual, indicating important operations under way.

The reports in Havana that Maceo is not dead have bewildered the people. All the newspapers state that this matter must be shifted out and settled at once. They call upon the officials to have Maceo's and young Gomez' bodies exhumed and brought into the city for identification. All the papers say that the present sensational accounts and rumors injure the Spanish cause. Cubans are still divided in opinion, though the general belief is that Maceo is dead.

The reports from Matanzas cannot be explained except upon the theory that some of Maceo's old army under the command of Ruis Revera is operating there, and then it is wondered why he is so far eastward.

HAVANA, via Key West, Dec. 17.—From among those who took part in the killing of Antonio Maceo it is learned that, after crossing the trocha by land, he and his staff encamped in the hills, and expecting the arrival of Cuban reinforcements under Brigadier-General Sanchez and others were ordered by General Aguirre to receive an escort of a noted Pinar del Rio chieftain to the east. Major Ciruejeda was ignorant of Maceo's presence in the district, believing him to be still west of the trocha, but learning that a Spanish fort in San Pedro had been fired upon that morning by the insurgents, he started out on a reconnoitering tour, accompanied by a force of guerillar. The latter men were dressed very similar to the insurgents and marched in the vanguard of the Spanish column. Mistaking these for Sanchez' vanguard, Maceo, surrounded by the members of his staff and a handful of followers, advanced with all confidence to meet their friends when the guerillas received them with a volley.

Maceo fell at the first fire, and the men, temporarily disconcerted with surprise, retired by flanks. Young Gomez though he had been previously wounded at the trocha, and still had his arm in a sling, assisted as the engagement became general, dragging his chief to a place of temporary safety on the grass and remained by his side until realizing that they had been abandoned, Gomez wrote a note to his parents, which has been already published. Then he committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. After the fight the Spanish scout Santana, accompanied by the San Quentin battalion, while reconnoitering the field in quest of documents and other objects of importance or value, ran upon the body of Maceo, who was still alive. As the bugler pulled a ring from his finger, Maceo asked in an agonized tone if they were Spaniards or Cubans. "Spaniards," said the buglar, and as he raised his machete, the dying chief said: "I die for Cuba and independence." As the knife came down almost severing the victim's head from his body, the scout, interposing, remarked, "This man resembles Maceo." "Impossible," responded the bugler, "Maceo is in Pinar del Rio." The scout insisted at least that it was a chief of some importance, and tying the body by the feet to his horse's tail, proceeded toward camp.

In the meantime the insurgents, learning that their chief's body was in Spanish hands, rallied and made a new attack and succeeded in recovering the body. The full statement of Dr. Zertuche has been allowed to be telegraphed even to Madrid. It developes that Maceo left Rivera in charge in Pinar del Rio and Havana provinces with the object of assisting in carrying out the plans of Gomez for the reorganization of the forces in the central provinces and form an army of 10,000 to 20,000 men and prepare for a final and decisive blow intended to end the war. It is alleged that Maceo considered the trocha a good thing for the insurgents, and that it would indirectly be an aid in carrying out Gomez's plans. Gomez complimented Maceo upon the manner in which his organization in Pinar del Rio has been effected by the organization of battalions and regiments, the distributions of arms by Zones, putting on a war footing 12,000 men, establishing shops, salt works and hospitals, and keeping up the communication frequently by small boats to the Florida coast. Dr. Zertuche has again been arrested.

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INVESTMENT MARKET IRREGULAR.

Feeling in Trade Circles Hopeful and Buoyant—The Great Business Improvement on the Way.

In his Wall street circular dated New York, Dec. 12, Henry Clews says: During the week the course of affairs in the investment markets has been somewhat irregular, though preponderantly steady to strong. Among would-be buyers there is naturally a disposition to use the inactivity incident to the close of the year for depressing prices. The feeling among railroad managers is one of much confidence in an increase of business, which is evidenced by their generally enlarged orders for rails and for replenishments of rolling stock.

Although the opening of congress has excited considerable interest in Wall street, it can hardly be said to have had any disturbing effect. The President's message was, upon the whole, well received. There can be no doubt that the past uncertainty as to the disposition of the administration on the Cuban question has in some measure held in check the current of prosperity which set in after the election. The feeling in trade circles continues buoyant and hopeful. Here and there, however, the question is asked—where is the great improvement in business that was promised as the consequence of Mr. McKinley's election? The answer is that it is on its way, and will put in its appearance so soon as the march of the seasons permits.

Our capitalists are to-day holding some twenty to twenty-five millions of export bills, which, had they gone forward after the usual course, would have created virtual panic in Europe by bringing hither an equal amount of gold. By thus virtually lending a large amount of gold to the European banks we are saving them from threatened difficulties. Contrast this condition of financial resource with the condition of affairs in Wall street up to the election, and some estimate may be formed of the extent of the recovery of financial confidence since November 3. A little reasonable patience will later bring still further evidences of the great revival consequent upon the defeat of free coinage.

The easier tendency in the London money market is an encouraging symptom, the market rate being now 1 per cent. below the bank rate. This change has stopped the local demand for export bills for hoarding, with the effect of weakening the market for sterling bills. As, however, remittances will now have to be made for interest payments to foreign investors, the reduced quotations for bills of exchange are not calculated to cause a revival of gold imports.

Aid and Comfort for Cuba.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—President Ethan Allen, of the Cuban League of the United States, has issued an address to "The people of the United States," asking for such aid and comfort as may be found in the open expression of sympathy and legal material support.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Cuban junta has a representative in this city, who has succeeded in recruiting eighty-five young men for the Cuban army. They are prepared to leave for the East on receiving transportation, which has been promised by the junta.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: Antonio Maceo's death happened most fortunately for Gen. Weyler. Gen. Canovas and the ministry of war were so indignant when they heard Gen. Maceo had crossed the trocha and entered Havana province by land that they determined to recall Gen. Weyler and send Gen. Marin from Porto Rico.

Montreal Post Office.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Regarding the recent investigation at the Montreal post office, it has been an open secret that a number of Orders-in-Council dealing with dismissals are tied up with His Excellency. They were sent West when the Governor-General was in British Columbia, and an understanding will be arrived at when Lord Aberdeen meets the Premier. It is stated that the dismissals are of small officers, but the matter is raising much interest at the Capital.

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Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts o Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
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Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

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a.m..	43·	Highest 45·	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	41·		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	44·	Lowest 40·	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	44·		Rain—.63.

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LIVINGSTON-CRAIGIE—In this city, on December 17th, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Reid, Robert Livingston, to Grace Edith Craigie, youngest daughter, of Mrs. M. Blackmore.

DIED.

HARRIS—In this city, on the 17th inst., William T. Harris, a native of New Haven Connecticut, aged 30 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 o'clock, from Hayward's undertaking establishment, Government street. Friends are invited to attend.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Leo. Bradley has left for England on a visit to friends.

Mrs. F. J. Bailey arrived over from Port Townsend last evening to spend the holidays with Victoria relatives and friends.

James King, after a summer's prospecting in the vicinity of Shoal Bay, has returned to Victoria and is enjoying the hospitality of the Oriental.

D. W. Gillies, of the B.C. Market Co.; D. Cartmel, Lloyd's inspector; P. C. Dunlevy, G. M. Leishman and R. G. Penn were among the passengers from the Mainland by last night's Charmer.

Allan Cameron, district freight agent of the C.P.R., arrived over from the Terminal City last evening. Mrs. Cameron accompanies her husband on his present visit to Victoria.

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20 dozen silk umbrellas, with fancy handles, from $1.00 to $6.50 each; bought specially for the Christmas trade. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Finest French perfumes at Jones'.

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New figs at Hardress Clarke's.

Argyle House.—A good assortment of fancy dry goods for Xmas trade in embroidered and brocaded silk handkerchiefs; handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, ladies' kid gloves with fur tops, fans, silk umbrellas, fur collarettes, initialed silk handkerchiefs, ladies' and gent's silk umbrellas, chenille table cloths, white table linen and napkins, knitting silks in large variety of colors; a job line of gent's ties worth 50c. and 60c. each, selling from 25c. to 40c. J. Horner & Co., 83 Douglas street.

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Gold Coin base burners at cost. Clyde & Co.'s, 42 Johnson street.

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Air-tight heaters at Clyde & Co.'s, 42 Johnson street.

French Pansy, Vera Rose, Chypre, Violette Ambree, at Jones'.

Silk and cashmere neck mufflers, from 25c. to $3.00 each; just they thing for an Xmas gift. B. William & Co., 97 Johnson street.

There's a good gift, a shaving set of Sheffield make, razors in cases, strops, etc., can be had at Fox's.

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For useful Xmas presents in the way of household labor-saving novelties, call at Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

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THE GREAT VOLCANIC.

Kettle River, North Fork, Boundary Creek and Greenwood Camps.

An Everlasting Shipper—Peculiarity of Ores—Proposed Smelter—Around Midway.

GRAND FORKS, Dec. 13. — Before entering upon details regarding the Kettle River, Boundary Creek and North Fork districts it will be necessary to define the difference between it and what is generally known as the Yale mining division of British Columbia. From the Columbia river west to the Okanagan country, covering a distance of over one hundred miles, is what is known as the Kettle river country. This district covers an area of over three hundred miles square, and is properly known as Yale mining division, and under that jurisdiction all records and legal transactions are directed, with Midway as the government headquarters. Inclusive of this area are three distinct districts, known as Kettle River, Boundary Creek and the North Fork. If we are to include American interests in this zone or mineral belt, extending westward from Rossland to the Okanagan section, there is a portion of the Colville reservation that is inevitably tributary to this trade point, and which in fact and reality is naturally a part of the Kettle River district.

From this source of description Grand Forks is beyond a doubt the central point and business centre of the country, and from here we must draw the magnetical line. All business connected with commercial, mining and provincial interests naturally centre at Grand Forks, simply because it is the inlet and outlet of the country, and cannot be avoided.

When railway facilities are provided, furnishing the country with an outlet through different channels of trade interests from the Coast, as well as the East and over the boundary line and into the States, Grand Forks will still remain the junction and natural distributing point to all districts in the mining territory covered by what is known as Yale mining division.

Included in this topographical circle are numerous mining localities known as camps, which for convenience and designation places the different prominent mines in their respective subdivisions. For instance, the North Fork country is divided up into what is designated as Pass Creek camp, in which are located the Garnet mountain possessions; Brown's creek and Brown's camp, in which are situated the famous Volcanic and Pathfinder properties; Knight's camp, in which are the interests of the Bonanza company's mines on Bonanza mountain; Clark's camp, in which is located the Seattle property, one of the richest mines in the country; Fisherman creek, where the R. Bell property, owned by Salt Lake, Utah, parties is being worked with promising results; Hardy mountain, with three score of valuable properties, and Observation mountain, at the very threshold of Grand Forks, upon which is located the Bonita, Grey Eagle, Grand Forks, Observation and a dozen other valuable properties. All the above named properties are being worked and have a most promising showing. In fact, in all directions from Grand Forks can be found mining interests, and ten per cent. of them are being developed.

Two months ago—it was not a common thing, so I am informed—but that resounding blasts from the hillsides surrounding the town could be heard at any time during the day, and outfitting parties could be seen going in all directions to the different mining camps. The approach of winter, however, in its exceptional severity this year does not seem to impede the indomitable energy and ambition of the prospector, and what is being done now, in a mining sense, is of a substantial and systematic nature.

People as a unit have a great deal of faith in the future of the country, and seem to have settled down to business, and as a rule look with pride and decision to a bright and prosperous season the coming year in the Kettle river country.

Boundary creek, like the North Fork, is one of the main tributaries of the Kettle river. The district is distant twenty miles west of Grand Forks, where the young and prosperous mining town of Greenwood is situated. Between here and Greenwood are the prosperous camps of Wellington in which is located the Winnegeg and Wellington mines, both famous for their large bodies of ore and their values in gold and copper; White's camp, where there is now being extensively developed the City of Paris and Lincoln mines by Mr. A. G. Hennage, who represents English capital; Greenwood camp, in which is located the Snowshoe property, was extensively developed during the past season by Colonel George Turner, a Vancouver gentleman of means and mining experience; Long lake camp is at the head of Pass creek, but on account of its remoteness and being distant from any of the mining camps, there is no work being done there this winter.

To the west of Boundary creek are the promising camps of Deadwood, Copper, Kimberly and Dillon. In Deadwood is located the famous Mother Lode, Sunset and Morrison claims, now being extensively developed by a syndicate of New York and Buffalo capitalists. In Copper camp is the famous Big Copper property, which has a well defined vein of red oxides of copper and copper glance, the width of which is estimated to be from 150 to 200 feet wide and exposed along the vein for a distance of 2,000 feet. The same showing is also made in the mines of Deadwood, Kimberly and Greenwood camps.

Midway is situated nine miles south of Greenwood camp at the junction of Boundary creek with the Kettle river. All business connected with the government for this entire section is transacted there, and in a measure places people on this side of the range to a great disadvantage, especially at this time of the year. An effort is being made, however, to divide up the district and make Grand Forks the official point of the eastern part of the district, a move that seems to be favored by parties on both sides of the range.

A number of newspaper writers repeatedly compare the mineral showing of this codntry with that of Rossland, when in reality there is a vast difference. In one sense of the metallurgical term they are identical as a class of sulphide ores, but in reality there is a vast difference. In the first place the ores of Rossland are not as free milling by the smelting process as the ores of this country. For example we will take the Volcanic or Seattle mines, up the North Fork. The ores from these properties are decidedly free milling, from the fact that they carry in substance all the required fluxes, in the way of iron chlorides, sulphur, arsenical iron and silicates. There are no exceptions to this rule anywhere in the country, in fact there are no refractory ores in the country. They are a purely sulphide ore, averaging on the surface from $5 to $16 in gold, from 4 to 12 per cent. copper, and from $1 to $10 in silver. Galena, or local ores, are selnom found anywhere in the country.

There are very few exceptions where the veins crop out on the surface. They are covered over by an iron capping from one to ten feet in depth, apparently like a slab of rock thrown over a solid formation. There are very few exceptions where an iron cap does not lead to mineral, and in many instances up the North Fork the formation is exclusively an iron cap, and with very little depth mineral is found, and often where there are no signs of a vein or walls to a vein. Most of the country on Pass Creek may be termed a mineral farm, because the entire formation is thoroughly mineralized. The character of the formation generally is diorite and phophyry, and the contract is a dolomite lime, micacious granite and some quartzite. The large mineral deposits, such as the Volcanic, Pathfinder and most of the Greenwood camp mines have no regular walls, but seem to be immense chimneys or deposits. The Seattle, which is considered to be one of the best and most promising mines in the country, is a genuine true fissure, averaging from 80 to 100 feet in width. The ore is a genuine sulphide, and in reality the only mine in the country that produces ore similar to that of the Le Roi and War Eagle, of Rossland. The values contained in the ore from the Seattle are rather high grade, especially in copper and gold, and it is in every sense a free smelting ore.

The Volcanic property is the great attraction of this country, and as yet we have the first practical and experienced mining man to pass an opinion on the property. A description of it in plain facts seems unreasonable, and one cannot describe it without being accused of exaggeration. The mineral showing on Volcanic mountain is conservatively estimated to be from 1,000 to 1,200 feet in width and from 3,500 to 4,000 feet in length. This looks unreasonable to the writer, but it is a fact. The outcrop of this massive body of ore can be seen for twenty miles away standing out like a treasure sentinel against the northern sky. The ore body in general is low grade on the surface, while on the hanging wall a well defined stratum of silicious tissue quartz from 40 to 50 feet in width is found, near which is a fair grade of copper and gold ore. This property is owned by a company mostly composed of Grand Forks men, who contemplate the erection of large smelting works as soon as practicable next season and otherwise place the property in shape for large development work and regular production of ore. It is estimated by men of experience in the mining business that the Volcanic mine is the largest in the world; capable of producing more ore per diem, able to keep more smelter furnaces in blast and employ more miners and laborers than any other mine on the face of the globe.

With the advent of a railroad into this country and a market for the product of the mines, there is no telling how the British Columbia country will terminate as an ore producer and everlasting shipper of the precious metals.

DR. G. L. MILNE entertained the following gentlemen at dinner last evening at his residence Pinehurst, viz: Hon. A. G. Blair, Lt.-Col. Domville, M.P., Senator McInnes, F. L. Beique, William Templeman, Geo. Riley, A. H. Scaife, H. A. Munn, R. H. Hall, A. Martin, A. L. Belyea, Dr. Watt and C. E. Renouf.

"LOCHABER No More," was the pibroch played by Mr. P. McDonald, opening the meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society last evening. Mr. Brownlee sang in Doric "Dinna Wauken Me"; the Highland fling was danced by Mr. W. Anderson to the tune of "The Knocking Stane of Inverness"; R. Foster sang "My Faithful Fair One"; Mr. Henderson recited "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell"; Mr. I. Munro sang in Gaelic; Mr. Begg gave a reading on St. Andrews; and Mr. Douglass sang "Bonnie Charlie," completing a programme which every one present enjoyed. After the open meeting the following officers were elected: A. Hay, chief; E. B. McKay, chieftain; J. McCurrauch, treasurer; R. J. Jameson, secretary; A. B. Fraser, recording secretary; and Revs. Winchester and Campbell, chaplains; Robertson, Munro, W. Anderson, M. McDonald, P. McDonald were chosen as the society's pipers; and Colin Cameron and H. Brown were selected as auditors. Arrangements were afterwards completed for the Hogmanay concert to be held on the 31st inst., under the management of Mr. C. Rowlands. Tickets for the event may be obtained from any of the society's officers.

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THE UNHAPPY ISLAND.

The Murder of Maceo Will Fertilize the Idea of Cuban Liberty.

Emphatic Motion to Be Reported to the Senate on Cuban Independence.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A mrnifesto was published to-day from the French committee to free Cuba, addressed to Cubans, and accusing the Spanish government of the murder of Maceo, "whose blood," it says, "will fertilize the idea of Cuban liberty." It assures the insurgents of the sympathy of the grandsons of the French revolutionists, "who proclaimed the rights of man." M. M. Rochefort, Clovis, Hughes and Ernest Roche are among the signers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—After listening to the senate committee on foreign relations for a long time this morning the committee agreed to report the Cameron resolution. It is clearly understood that the tendency of the secretary's advice was against precipitate action by the committee but advocates the Cameron resolution. The Cameron resolution follows: "Resolved; by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic in Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America. Section 2.: The United States should use her friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba."

The committee changed the Cameron resolution so as to make it read more emphatic. The title was changed to read: "Joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the Republic of Cuba," instead of "The United States should use her friendly offices," the committee made it read: "The United States will" do so. Secretary Olney it is claimed by members of the committe who favored action in Cuba, did not have any new information to present, and they say the committee know as much about the condition of affairs in Cuba as is known by the state department. Secretary Olney urged that no action be taken at present and pointed out that there was no real government to recognize. The agreement to report the Cameron resolution was reached immediately after Mr. Olney left the committee room, at a quarter past twelve o'clock and was arrived at without division or an expressed difference of opinion. The only division was as to the time the resolution should be reported to the senate. Senator Cameron moved that they report Monday next. Senator Sherman suggested that the report should not be put until after the holidays. When the question was put to the committee the Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority.

The Senate passed the immigration bill yesterday with a new section providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders.

FITZSIMMONS AND SHARKEY.

Proceedings to Recover the Purse Quashed, Prize Fighters Having No Legal Standing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The fight between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for possession of the $10,000 purse was concluded yesterday, when Judge Sanderson, of the Superior court, dissolved the injunction restraining the Anglo-California bank from cashing the check. Counsel for Sharkey called the attention of the court to the state law forbidding prize fighting, between which "and a glove contest," he maintained there was no difference, and he therefore argued that a case involving the possession of the purse for prize fighting had no standing in court. The judge concurred in this view and said he would have terminated the proceedings earlier had that point been called to his judicial attention. The order to dissolve the injunction will be granted and the complaint be stricken from the files.

OF UNSOUND MIND.

A Son of Cyrus Field Becomes Demented on Acconnt of a Business Failure.

John A. Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, was found acting strange in the Forty-second street car stables New York and locked up. To-day in Yorkville police court James M. Connaughton, a lawyer, who appeared for him, said Field had been of unsound mind owing to the Field, Linkley & Wechers failure three years ago, and if he was discharged he would be cared for. The magistrate discharged Field and he left the court with the attorney.

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